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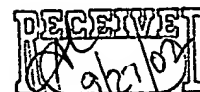
FOR: MARK FORMING APPARATUS, METHOD OF

FORMING LASER MARK ON OPTICAL DISK,

REPRODUCING APPARATUS, OPTICAL DISK

AND METHOD OF PRODUCING OPTICAL DISK

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Applicants' representative noted that a marking formed on a track of an optical disk (as recited in claims 12 and 26) and a barcode pattern formed on a track of an optical disk (as recited in claims 36 and 37) are not suggested by Wilson or Kato. More specifically, it was noted that Wilson discloses markings formed on non-information areas of a disk (referred to as a clamping area). Nowhere in Wilson's disclosure is there any suggestion of tracks disposed in the clamping area of the disk. Wilson, therefore, does not disclose or suggest forming a marking or a barcode on a track of an optical disk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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